

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 464

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the members of the Decatur County Forestry Association upon being named the 2008 County Forestry Association of the Year.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those outstanding citizens of our state who have committed themselves to sustaining the renewable natural resources of Tennessee in a manner that provides economic enrichment while preserving valuable resources and biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, such dedicated conservationists comprise the membership of the Decatur County Forestry Association, which was recently named the County Forestry Association of the Year for 2008 by the Tennessee Forestry Association; and

WHEREAS, under the exemplary guidance of Extension Agent, Steve Glass, and Area Forester, Bill Smith, the Decatur County Forestry Association has held numerous educational activities addressing tree measurement, wildlife management, hardwood crop tree release, tree identification, best management practices, pine thinning, sawmill tours, and bio-mass; and

WHEREAS, utilizing their singular skills and expertise, the members of the Decatur County Forestry Association supplied dedicated leadership in planning the 2005, 2006, and 2008 Tennessee Timber and Lumber Shows, ensuring the success of the annual exhibitions; and

WHEREAS, the forests of Decatur County have been vital to the growth and continuing prosperity of the County; the members of the Decatur County Forestry Association have a great desire to protect and manage this great resource to provide jobs, recreation, and products for Decatur County and to serve as an example of good forest stewards; and

WHEREAS, successfully balancing their great concern for economic needs and environmental stewardship, the members of the Decatur County Forestry Association are the fitting recipients of the County Forestry Association of the Year award, and it is appropriate that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor this outstanding organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate the Decatur County Forestry Association upon being named the 2008 County Forestry Association of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association and thank them for their dedicated and thorough understanding of our State's precious renewable resources -- our forestland and wildlife habitat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to the members of the Decatur County Forestry Association our best wishes for every success and happiness in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.